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# LAMBDA VALLEY

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## AZT: A Ray of Hope

by BRAD EDWARDS

Much fanfare has surrounded the announcement that an antiviral drug, AZT, has shown promising results in AIDS patients who have *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia. The drug is now officially available to some 7,000 persons with AIDS who qualify.

AZT is not a cure for AIDS. It does appear to stop the AIDS virus (now called HIV or human immunodeficiency virus) from multiplying, increases immune functions at least over a short term, and crosses the blood brain barrier where the virus can cause brain disorders and dementia. In a study conducted at the National Institute of Health, AZT significantly reduced the mortality rate of patients.

The drug is manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome and will be available free of charge until it is proven effective and approved by the FDA. At this writing, at least one person is receiving AZT in Easton. Others are waiting through the frustrating application process that appears to be a wide swath of red tape.

First, physicians must be approved with a stamped license. Then the pharmacy must be approved to dispense it. Finally, the patient is approved, pending blood test results and other eligibility requirements. Patients with the cancer,

Kaposi's sarcoma, are ineligible since AZT has yet to be shown effective in those cases. A study at NIH and NYU Medical Center is already under way.

The side effects of AZT include loss of red blood cells (anemia) that may require transfusions, headaches, mild confusion, anxiety, nausea, skin rashes, itching and a lowered white blood cell count resulting from bone marrow suppression. These side effects do not occur in all patients and appear to be reversible after the drug is withdrawn.

Another consideration is that participation in this trial may render a person ineligible for future trials of a more promising drug. One such drug is in the wings, chemically related to AZT and potentially less toxic.

Anyone seeking further information can call a toll-free number from 8 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week: (800) 843-9388. Dr. Jeffrey Jahre, chief of Infectious Disease at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, is currently seeking approval, and it is likely that all hospitals in the Lehigh Valley will eventually be able to obtain the drug for qualified patients.

We hope, we wait, we pray that this drug can do battle against a deadly epidemic. □

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## HOURS

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### **Wednesday, Dec. 24**

Christmas Party.

No Cover.

### **Wednesday, Dec. 31**

New Years Party.

\$10 cover includes buffet,  
champagne and party favors.

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*We will be open Christmas night.*

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## Holiday Party Planned for Center Annual Le-Hi-Ho Event

by R. HENRY

You better not shout, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why, 'cause the Lambda Center's annual Holiday Party is coming to town.

And it is scheduled for December 21, the Sunday before Christmas. Plan to drop in anytime between 4 and 7 p.m.

Sponsored every year by Le-Hi-Ho, the holiday party has become one of the most popular and well-attended events of the center's annual roster of activities.

There's no admission charge, but participants are asked to bring some party snack or Christmas cookies to share with everyone. It is Christmas, after all.

Punch and beverages will be provided by Le-Hi-Ho, and the center promises to provide a festive atmosphere with its decorations. There may even be a Christmas tree.

The Holiday Party is a good place to see old friends and close out the old year by making some new ones. Who knows? Maybe even Santa will arrive. □



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## For Women...

## 'tis the Season

by **DESIREE**

Slam! Click...

Another closet door shuts tight.

Most of us here in the Lehigh Valley can recall occasions when we were not able to be ourselves as lesbians. Be it for work, school, family or friends, the outcome is the same: a part of our identity is lost. Those of us who are "out" (are we ever finished with the coming-out process?) are faced with the possibility of ridicule and discrimination. The result can be a sense of isolation and despair.

This does not have to be! Connecting with each other within the valley can provide the friendship

and the support we all need. At Womyn's Night you can celebrate your identity while enjoying a rousing good time. Friendly smiles await you the first and third Monday of each month. Share hot spiced cider on December 15th, while discovering that you need not banish your budget to share yuletide festivities; unique and unusual (not to mention hilarious) ideas will be presented. Bring your carols (not to mention other friends) to start the season on a good note!

After the feasting of Christmas has settled, thoughts turn to the new year. Start 1987 in proper style with our New Year's Eve Dance at the

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center December 31st. Those who attended last year's dance can attest to the simply mar-velous time had by all. Exchange your latest resolutions while catching up on news between the sets of our favorite D. J. Refreshments will be provided, and admission will be by advanced tickets only. For more information, call the center at 433-7377.

Resolve to be there!

Ah, the ever present brown paper envelope... Actually, since everyone knows what comes in these, I'd love to have mine mailed discreetly in lavender. Make sure you add color to your life by getting on the mailing list for Lesbians Unlimited

of the Lehigh Valley (L.U.L.V.), P.O. Box 665, Trexlertown, PA 18087. The first newsletter is out, and surely you don't want to miss the exciting upcoming events.

As you hum those Christmas tunes you've been hearing since Thanksgiving, and juggle those hot cookies from the oven, let's not forget the true spirit of the holiday spirit season. Knock on someone's closet door and share a smile. Invite new friends over for hot chocolate and share a smile. String lights on Mr. Scrooge's biggest spruce. 'Tis the season for peace and joy in all our hearts, glad tidings to all. ☐

## JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FUN AND SUN ON THE COSTA del SOL !

March 16 – 23, 1987 will be Lambda Center week along the Mediterranean coast of Spain. For the very affordable price of \$549.00 you can join us. This price includes airfare, six nights lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, and more. For complete information, fill out and mail the following. Hurry – space is limited !

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# Elections

## What They Meant for Us

by ED VERBA

Election day 1986 brought many changes nationally. Most notable is the fact that the Democrats have regained control of the Senate after six years of Republican control. For the first time President Reagan will be faced with Democrats in control of both houses of the legislature. The Democrats have been in control of the House for all of Reagan's term. This change will certainly make it more difficult for Mr. Reagan to get legislation through. Also any new Supreme Court appointments will now go through a Judiciary Committee chaired by Democratic presidential hopeful Joseph Biden of Delaware rather than Strom Thurmond, a Reagan ally.

California voters beat back Proposition 64, the Lyndon La Rouché-backed initiative that would have required the listing of all HIV-positive people and the possible quarantine of people with AIDS. 64 lost by better than a two to one margin.

Beyond these two areas of fact it is difficult to analyze returns as to whether they are positive or negative factors. Not all gays or lesbians are in agreement as to what is a positive decision. The "lesbian/gay" vote, like the "black" vote, the "women's" vote or the "born-again" vote, is hard to measure. As a community we are offended by the stereotypes the non-gay community gives us of being effeminate men and masculine women, atheist, and sexually pluralistic. Yet we as a community assume that all lesbians and gay men are pro-choice, agree on nuclear disarmament, the ERA, and even decisions involving AIDS. One need only attend a Lambda Center Board meeting or sit at a gay bar during "happy hour" to realize we are as diverse a constituency as any community can be. We are Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. We are liberal as well as conservative. However, there are certain areas

where many of the lesbian and gay community agree. Significant positive change has begun in some of these areas.

Massachusetts turned back a statewide anti-abortion referendum. Oregon, Rhode Island and Arkansas were equally successful at stopping measures that would have legislated anti-abortion moves.

Locally there isn't going to be much change. Sen. Specter was returned to Washington over pro-gay Bob Edgar. Rep. Don Ritter, never a friend to local gays and lesbians, also returns to D.C. Of some significance is the fact that most of the greater Lehigh Valley is represented in both Washington and Harrisburg by minority parties. That doesn't inherently make them bad politicians. It will mean that it will be difficult for any of our local elected officials to be overwhelmingly successful as they are unable to chair any of the committees on which they sit.

Our governor-elect, Bob Casey, has promised to all for greater measures to be taken by the State Health Department in the area of AIDS. This could mean more money in the Lehigh Valley to fight AIDS. Further he has on more than one occasion said he would be willing to consider directing those funds to grass roots groups like the Lehigh Valley AIDS Services Center, the Philadelphia AIDS Task Force, and the Berks Area Health Crisis, rather than to automatically turn the money over to local health departments. We'll have to wait and see.

In conclusion, the 1986 elections give a lot of hope to the lesbian and gay community both locally and nationally. It would appear that the pendulum has finally begun to turn the other way. The 1987 elections are really only for city and county officials, so we won't see if this is a trend until 1988.



## Lifestyles...

# Alone Without AIDS

by GREG NEW HOLLAND

Hello! In this issue a new column is premiering, titled *Lifestyles*. In this column I hope to address the concerns and hopes of the average gay male. What is it like to be gay in this area, with opportunities it does and does not offer, living with the fear of AIDS or being a person first and homosexual second.

Yes, I guess living with AIDS would definitely be hell, but I think there is a certain amount of pain involved when you are living alone without AIDS. In no way am I making the comparison between the disease and living alone, such thinking would be foolhardy. What I am trying to relate is the pain of living alone and how AIDS adds to it.

Comparing the tragedy of having AIDS and not having it is very unfair to a person suffering from

the disease and utter nonsense. Let's take a quick look at this statement. Have you become single recently or in the past 5 years? It is not the same as it was before AIDS came on the scene.

Along with the mental ping-pong you go through and the emotional stress, there is more self talk; is the person I am attracted to safe? If he is, will monogamy be part of the relationship? Maybe it would be easier and safer to remain single instead of taking a risk? Many have found that being single without AIDS can cause a mental strain all its own.

These are a few of the feelings and thoughts among our gay community. Give the subject, 'Living alone without AIDS,' some thought and check out *Lifestyles* in the upcoming months for further discussion. ☒

Friday, Dec. 12, - Carl, Stan and Vicki from The ReBells.

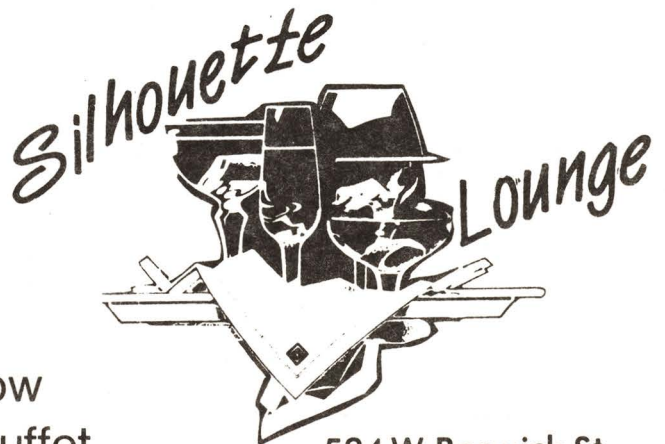
Saturday, Dec. 20- Christmas Party and Show - (\$15 includes catered buffet)

Wednesday, Dec. 31- New Years Show and Party- (\$25 includes catered buffet of sirloin of beef and fruit glazed ham)

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*Reservations required for  
New Years and Christmas parties.*

**Monday-Saturday 3PM - 2 AM**



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# Lambda Center

P.O. Box 1656, Allentown, Pa. 18101

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER 1986-JANUARY 1987

### STREET ADDRESS:

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AIDS SERVICES: 433-5444

### DECEMBER 1986

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### JANUARY 1987

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### "ONGOING GOING ONS"

Sundays (12/14, 21, 28; 1/4, 11) Metropolitan Community Church

7:30p.m.

Fridays (12/12, 19, 26; 1/2, 9, 16) Al-Anon

7:00-8:00p.m.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/9	Tuesday	Board of Directors	7:30p.m.
12/12	Friday	Center Holiday Decorating Party	8:30p.m.
12/15	Monday	Finance Committee meeting	7:30p.m.
12/16	Tuesday	Center Development and Communications Comm.mtg.	7:30p.m.
12/21	Sunday	HOTLINE Business meeting	2:00-4:00p.m.
12/21	Sunday	Le-Hi-Ho's Annual Holiday Party	4:00-7:00p.m.
12/24	Wednesday	MCC's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:30p.m.
12/25	Thursday	CHRISTMAS DAY-Merry Christmas	
12/31	Wednesday	Womyn's Groups's New Year's Eve Party	9:00p.m.
1/1	Thursday	NEW YEAR'S DAY 1987	
1/11	Sunday	AIDS Services Center/Red Cross's CPR class	2:00p.m.
1/13	Tuesday	Board of Directors	7:30p.m.

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## Lehigh Valley Lesbian & Gay Community Center



# Lehigh Valley Lesbian & Gay Community Center

LAMBDA CENTER- During the holiday season you will find that there are changes in the usual "Calendar of Events". If you're not sure of what is going on or when it is, feel free to call the HOTLINE at 433-5444 for more details... enjoy!!

ASC +  $\oplus$  = CPR

On Sunday, January 11, the AIDS Services Center, a project of the Lambda Center, will be conducting a CPR course at the Lambda Center. The actual instruction will come from a trained professional at the Allentown chapter of the American Red Cross. The cost for the course is \$15.00. This goes to pay for the materials used and the instruction book. It is an open class and something that everyone should know...



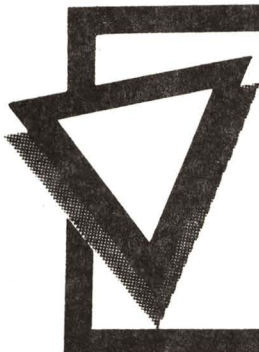
COME ON EVERYBODY, LET'S WANG CHUNG TONIGHT  
If you're in the party mood this is a good time for you. There are three parties being held at the Lambda Center during this holiday season  
\*\*\*Dec. 12 Decorating Party- Come out and help us deck the halls and all that stuff. We're making it a night of music video, food and your creativity. Join us beginning at 8:30p.m.  
\*\*\*Dec. 21 Annual Holiday Party- Here is your chance to "don your gay apparel". I'm told this annual party is in its 17th year. Anything that has had that much success is something not to miss...and we won't!!  
\*\*\*Dec. 31 Womyn's Group New Year's Eve Party- Bring the New Year in with style. This time the Womyn's Group will enter 1987 with an "over 21" party. Though it is being planned by the Womyn's Group, the party, as all things at the Lambda Center, is open to everyone.

WOMYN'S NIGHT NOTE  
WOMYN'S NIGHT WAS NOT  
OVERLOOKED ON THE CALENDAR  
PAGE 11. IT WILL BE ON DEC. 15  
AND JAN. 5. IF YOU CALL THE HOT-  
LINE WE CAN GIVE YOU THE PROGRAM EVENT  
FOR THOSE TWO EVENINGS AND WE WILL NOW HAVE  
THE EVENTS FOR ALL THE WOMYN'S NIGHTS IN THE FUTURE.

TO ALL LAMBDA CENTER MEMBERS:

JANUARY 23, 1987 HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A SPECIAL MAILING TO ANNOUNCE THIS EVENT. DURING THE MEETING WE WILL BE ELECTING OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS. OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO VOTE IS THE FACT THAT DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CHANGES ON THE BOARD THIS NEW SLATE OF ELECTED MEMBERS REPRESENTS THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD. IF ANY MEMBER HAS SOMETHING THEY WANT PUT ON THE PROGRAM PLEASE NOTIFY THE LVLGCC SECRETARY FOR ITS INCLUSION. ALL MEMBERS OF THE LAMBDA CENTER ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE





# GIOVANNI'S ROOM

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FALL/WINTER 1986



## FICTION & POETRY

**BELINDA** by Anne Rice writing as Anne Rampling (Arbor House), 10/86, 352 pp., \$17.95 cl. An erotic new novel; the story of a young runaway, Belinda, and her secret world that includes a legendary film star, a young lesbian film director, a seductive hair stylist and a famous illustrator of children's books whom she seduces. A spellbinding novel of seduction and forbidden love.

**EXIT TO EDEN**, by Anne Rampling (Dell), 1985, 308 pp., \$3.95 pb. Written pseudonymously by Anne Rice (*The Vampire Lestat*, *Cry to Heaven*), this novel centers on a Caribbean "club" where people go to have "the sexual vacation of their dreams." This is extremely well-written heterosexual erotica where Lisa, the administrator of the club, dominates.

**CHARLEYHORSE**, by Cecil Dawkins (Viking/Penguin), due 10/86, 288 pp., \$6.95 pb. A lesbian novel set on a ranch in Kansas. Billie and her daughter, Charley, vie for attention and love. When Juna, the new second-grade teacher arrives as a boarder in their home, an alliance between Charley and Juna is formed that enlivens Charley's world.

**THE FEMALE MAN**, by Joanna Russ (Beacon), 1986 (1975), 224 pp., \$7.95 pb. Finally back in print! This is one of the most important works of feminist science fiction ever written. It provides a witty and subversive analysis of the power men hold over women in our society.

**THE JOURNEY**, by Ann Cameron (Spinners/Aunt Lute), due 8/86, 314 pp., \$7.95 pb. A reprint of a wonderful novel; it follows two women Anne and Sarah as they cross the Canadian wilderness in the late 1800's. A fast-paced story of their love for each other and their adventures as they struggle to survive.

**LESBIAN LETTERS**, by Christine Heron Stockton (Heron Press), 1986, 137 pp., \$8.95 pb. Written in the form of fictional letters to parents, friends, lovers, clergy, etc., this book opens up a wide range of feelings, thoughts, and issues that confront us.

**HOME IN YOUR HANDS**, by Lee Lynch (Naiad), due fall/86, \$7.95 pb. New, short stories by the author of *The Swashbuckler* (\$7.95 pb.) and *Toothpick House* (\$7.95 pb.). Many of these stories follow up on the lives of characters in these books. She gives us images of dyke sobriety in and out of bars.

**LIVING AS A LESBIAN: POETRY**, by Cheryl Clarke (Firebrand), 1986, 94 pp., \$6.95 pb. Clarke writes variations on the themes of blackness, anger, violence, loss, loneliness, lesbianism, and sex. The images are strong, stunning and hot.

**SOMETHING SHADY**, by Sarah Dreher (New Victoria), 1986, 263 pp., \$8.95 pb. Stoner Metavish, masquerading as a mental patient, encounters mystery, terror and some quirky characters in a suspicious "rest home" on the rocky coast of Maine. Follow the continued adventures of Stoner, her devoted lover, Gwen, and the rest of the cast!

**THE SHELF**, by Kay Dick (GMP), 1986, 109 pp., \$6.50 pb. "The shelf" is a repository in the coroner's office where Cassandra's letters to Anne had first been lodged. It was all so long ago - but Cass has been unable to forget the passion Anne had roused in her, their brief affair and the mystery that ended it. A powerful, well-written novel.

**OUR DEAD BEHIND US: Poems**, by Audre Lorde (Norton), 1986, 75 pp., \$6.95 pb. An extraordinary new collection of poems that explore "differences as creative tensions..." to motivate the past, present and future towards activism.

**INCIDENTS INVOLVING WARMTH: A Collection of Lesbian Feminist Love Stories**, by Anna Livia (Only Women), 1986, 172 pp., \$7.95 pb. A witty, gritty collection of stories by the author of *Relatively Normal* (\$7.95 pb.). Livia's characters vary from a devious 80-year-old, to a gorgeously dangerous dyke with tacky musical tastes, to a lonely eleven-year-old.

**THE SHARPEST EDGE**, by S.M. Stirling and Shirley Meier (Signet), 1986, 255 pp., \$2.95 pb. New sci-fi set in the distant future after the great holocaust; ShKaira and her dagger-wielding companion Megan, consummate thief and mistress of the arts of illusion, find themselves cast into a life and death struggle over a precarious balance of power in their dominion. Some explicit sex and high adventure.

**LOVE, DEATH, AND THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS**, by Marilyn Hacker (Arbor House), 10/86, 160 pp., \$7.95 pb. A passionately, intense story of a love affair between two women, from the erotic electricity of their first acquaintance to the tough-minded tranquility of their breakup. This is a novel in sonnets, colorful, sexy and graphically detailed.



## NON-FICTION

**DYKES TO WATCH OUT FOR: Cartoons**, by Alison Bechdel (Firebrand), Fall 1986, 80 pp., \$6.95 pb. These now famous cartoons about modern lesbian life nudge you from smile through giggle, to raucous guffaw.

**PLEASURES OF LOVING: THE EROTIC FANTASIES AND EXPERIENCES OF 52 FRENCH WOMEN**, ed. by Francoise Ducout, trans. from French by Nicholas Courtin (St. Martins), 1986, 192pp., \$13.95 pb. Taken mostly from "Elle", a popular French women's magazine, these are heterosexual fantasies.

**RED BEANS AND RICE: RECIPES FOR LESBIAN HEALTH & WISDOM**, by Bode Noonan (Crossing), 1986, 67 pp., \$5.95 pb. Using food as a metaphor for assorted thoughts on love, dependency, mothers and daughters, and life in general, Noonan creates a very funny treatise of lesbian thought.

**LESBIAN ORIGINS**, BY Susan Cavin (ISM), 1985, 288pp., \$9.00pb. Originally the author's doctoral dissertation, this is an important new work that challenges the patriarchal organization of society and posits that lesbianism is the basis of culture. Should be on your "essential reading" list.

**LESBIAN ETIQUETTE: Humorous Essays**, by Gail Sausser (Crossing), 1986, 95pp., \$6.95pb. A delightful collection about everything from her fantasies as a "baby dyke", "De-Dyking the Apartment", "Ways to Dump Your Lover", "Seduction in Perspective", and more!

**NAMING THE VIOLENCE: SPEAKING OUT ABOUT LESBIAN BATTERING** ed. by Kerry Lobel (Seal), 1986, \$10.95pb. This book is by and for battered lesbians and those who work to support their empowerment. Lobel alternates personal histories with commentary by counselors, activists, and others.

**SEX, POWER AND PLEASURE**, by Mariana Valverde (The Women's Press), 1985, 212pp., \$8.95 pb. Exploding many traditional notions of sexuality, this book investigates the sexual lives of women today, and unravels the stormy debates around the issues of pornography, censorship, eroticism and power.



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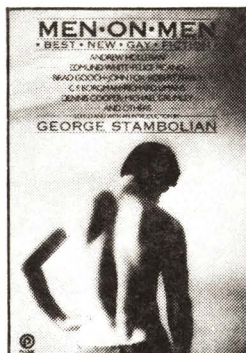
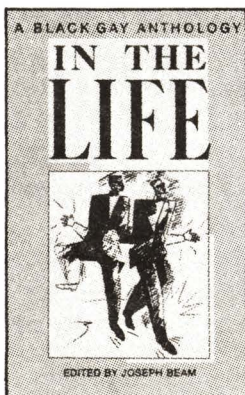


# SEASON'S READINGS— NEW BOOKS FROM GIOVANNI'S ROOM



**THE PINK TRIANGLE: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals**, by Richard Plant, 288 pp., New Republic Books, \$19.95 cloth. By far the most comprehensive, most interesting and most affecting account in English of this strange and horrible period in gay history. The author is a gay German Jew who escaped the Nazis in 1938 and has been working on this book for many years.

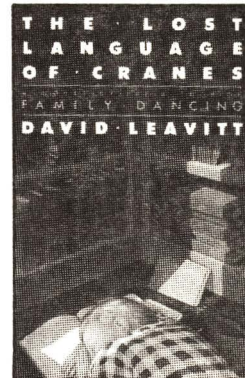
**IN THE LIFE: A Black Gay Anthology**, edited by Joseph Beam, Alyson Publications, \$7.95 pb. Fiction, drama, essays, interviews, poetry, and art by, for and about Black gay men. Contributors include Samuel R. Delaney, James S. Tinney, Billy S. Jones, Sidney Brinkley, Blackberri, Essex Hemphill, and many more.



**MEN ON MEN: Best New Gay Fiction**, edited by George Stambolian, Plume Books, 384 pp., \$8.95 paperback. Stories by such established authors as Edmund White, Andrew Holleran, Ethan Mordden, Robert Ferro, and Richard Hall, as well as work by bright, young authors such as Brad Gooch and John Fox. A realistic portrait of modern gay sensibilities.

Two new fiction reprints from the same publisher: *Dancer from the Dance*, by Andrew Holleran, \$6.95 pb., and *Cold Hands*, by Joseph Pintauro, \$7.95 pb.

**O RIO DE JANEIRO**, by Bruce Weber, Alfred A. Knopf, 204 pp., \$60.00 paperback. This year's hottest photography book, featuring the young men of the Far South, by one of the most influential photographers working today. Oversized book (11" x 14½") of 221 photographs in six colors and in black and white.



**THE LOST LANGUAGE OF CRANES**, by David Leavitt, Alfred A. Knopf, 319 pp., \$17.95 cloth. An extraordinary first novel by the young author of last year's hit short-story collection, *Family Dancing* (\$3.95). Once again Leavitt deals incisively and competently with a family's complex relationships; here the relationships are imperilled by long-kept secrets of both father and son.

## FICTION

**BUDDIES**, by Ethan Mordden (St. Martin's), 304 pp., \$16.95 cloth. This fine novelist's newest book is a funny and telling autobiographical story about having friends — gay and straight.

**ONE LAST WALTZ**, by Ethan Mordden (St. Martin's), 196 pp., \$13.95 cloth. Of the three sons—a builder, a fighter, and a dreamer—the dreamer is gay. A lyrical and poignantly funny story about the family ties that bind.

**STEPS GOING DOWN**, by Joseph Hansen (Penguin),

307 pp., \$3.50 pb. Paperback edition of Hansen's new whodunnit, which resounds with his unique voice but is not a Brandstetter mystery.

**JOSEPH AND THE OLD MAN**, by Christopher Davis (St. Martin's), 195 pp., \$13.95 cloth. A sweetly sentimental intergenerational love story that deals with the struggle to survive a tragic loss.

**THE RAGAZZI**, by Pier Paolo Pasolini (Carcanet), 256 pp., \$8.50 pb. The story of a street boy trying to survive in the inhuman poverty of post-war Rome.

**GAY COMIX #7**, ed. by Robert Triptow (Gay Comix), n.p., \$2.00 stapled. More shenanigans from the

creative pens of Tim Barela, Donelan, and others.

**CANARY**, by Nathan Aldyne (Ballantine), \$2.95 pb. The fourth novel in the Valentine-Lovelace mystery series.

## NON-FICTION

**THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture**, by Walter L. Williams (Beacon), 312 pp., \$21.95 cloth. Reviewed in this issue.

**CITIES ON A HILL: A Journey Through Contemporary American Cultures**, by Frances FitzGerald (Simon & Schuster), 414 pp., \$19.95 cloth. Reviewed in this issue.

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# Gay History—Was He or Wasn't She?

by HUNTLEY HAVERSTOCK

If the discovery of gay life is a series of opening closets, then one of the darkest ones that needs opening is the door to our past. The audience that gathered to hear the third in the series of lectures sponsored by Le-Hi-Ho and held in the Lambda Center got a glimpse into that past on November 20.

They heard about the multitude of people whose gay side has been overlooked or neglected by historians.

The speaker, for example, touched on that ever-popular English monarch, Richard the Lion-hearted. He's the one that Robin Hood and his Merry Men couldn't wait to return to after the Crusades.

In a more somber note, they also heard about another gay English monarch, Edward II, who gave up both his throne and his life for the man he loved.

The greats of art and literature, those who were only rumored to be gay and those who actually did

the "dirty deed," were examined. Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Big Bill Shakespeare and lesser lights were asked to stand up and take a bow.

The speaker went on to talk about how historians have traditionally handled "the subject" and why it makes them so nervous.

The basic problem, the speaker stated, was that either the writer/historian was homophobic or, in most cases, just did not want to bring up that subject because it might tend to embarrass the living relatives of the great ones who were both in and out of the closet.

There was also a fear that since, in the larger community, being gay was not really considered a social asset, everybody just agreed that it was simply a matter of "good taste" not to bring the subject up.

In closing, the speaker discussed new trends in gay and lesbian history and made suggestions for those who want to dig deeper into the gay past. ☒

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## The Bar Scene...

by **BOB SWEENEY**

Now that everyone has felt the after-effects of too much turkey and stuffing, it is onto the festive holiday season and the following is what the bar scene is offering for Christmas and New Year's Eve:

The 13th St. Pub, 130 South 13th Street, Easton, will be celebrating its anniversary Saturday, December 13th with a full buffet and no cover charge. Congratulations, Ladies! December 20th marks The Pub's Christmas Party. Their New Year's Eve Blast will consist of a full buffet and champagne. Ticket information may be obtained by calling the Pub at 252-9213.

On Easton's southside, the Silhouette Lounge, 524 West Berwick Street, has changed Saturday business hours to opening at 3:00 pm. Thursday December 4th is the Silhouette's Beer Night with free hats, T-shirts and special beer prices. Starting at 8:00 pm on Saturday December 20th, celebrate at the Christmas Party, which will include food, beer on tap, and entertainment. Tickets are \$15 per person, and by reservation only. New Year's Eve festivities begin at 8:00 pm and include a catered hot buffet, beer, champagne, and noisemakers. Reservations only.

The Red Star Saloon, 11 South 10th Street, Reading, will be hosting the Reading Railmen AIDS Benefit on Saturday December 13th. Enjoy a free buffet at The Saloon's Christmas Party on Christmas Eve. Party the night away New Year's Eve with a hot and cold buffet and entertainment by the Reading Re-Bells. Tickets are \$10 per person and by reservation only.

Another anniversary is being celebrated Saturday, December 13th, at the Scarab, 724 Franklin Street, Reading. Congratulations! Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Party information may be obtained by calling the Scarab at 375-7878.

Also in Reading, Nostalgia, at 1101 North 9th Street, is celebrating New Year's Eve with a full buffet. Tickets will be sold in advance by calling Nostalgia at 372-5557.

Farther up north, the Blue Bugle, 724 Main Street, Stroudsburg, will be having its Christmas party Saturday, December 20th, and the New Year's Party will consist of a full buffet and champagne. More information is available by calling (717) 424-5999.

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## Lambda Center

# Lambda Board Looks Forward and Back

by HUNTLEY HAVERSTOCK

As 1986 begins to draw slowly to a close, it is time for the Lambda Center's board to look both back into the year that's ending and forward to 1987.

So on Tuesday, November 11, at the monthly meeting, a whole host of topics were discussed.

High on the agenda was an item concerning the center's search for an executive director. The committee heading the search reported that ads had been placed in the *Morning Call*, the *Philadelphia Gay News*, the *New York Native*, and the *Washington, D.C., Blade*. Copies of qualifications for the job were also sent to gay organizations in Philadelphia.

The finance committee took a giant step forward with the creation of a new accounting system that lets members know at a glance how much money is in the treasury. The new procedures will allow each committee to know exactly what its resources are.

The Board members gave their thanks to the finance committee for a job well done.

Another important piece of business was brought to the board's attention by the AIDS Services project. Two of the gay bars in the valley have formed a special group designed to raise money for AIDS patients.

Called SAID (for Stop AIDS), it has already proved itself successful in helping to raise money for the Lambda Center's AIDS Services Center. Now SAID would like to expand its field of interest to take on non-Lehigh Valley-related projects. It has also been considering the goal of purchasing a building to house sick AIDS patients who have been thrown out of their own homes or apartments because of their illness. The board expressed its support for SAID and wishes it well.

Another important matter on the agenda was planning for the Lambda Center's annual meeting. The board has set January 30 as the date. This is the board's chance to report back to those of you in the gay community about what we have done over the past year and our plans for the future. It is also the meeting when new members of the board will be nominated. The board would like you to come out and support your community center.

Two final notes:

The Metropolitan Community Church has announced that it will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. on December 24. All members of the community are invited to attend.

The board also gave approval to a request by Lesbian Unlimited to hold a women's party on New Year's Eve at the Lambda Center.

Oh yes, and best wishes to all in this holiday season from the board of the Lambda Center. ☐

Marshall's Creek, will be having a full buffet, open bar and champagne for New Year's Eve. Contact the Resort at (717) 223-8484 for ticket information.

On the home front, Candida, 247 North 12th Street, Allentown, has been sponsoring a "Have a Heart" fund for the past two weeks. The premise of "Have a Heart" is to sell different size hearts to patrons: small red hearts for a dollar, bigger pink hearts for \$10, and gold hearts for \$25. The customer gets to put his/her name on it and hang it on the bar.

Proceeds go to a mutual friend who had lived in the area but has since moved to Philadelphia, has contracted AIDS and whose funding has run out. The project has netted \$1,700 in just 13 days. To see the outpouring of generosity and caring from virtual strangers was truly touching.

Christmas at Candida's will be celebrated with their annual All White Night, Sunday December 21st, with a cold buffet, champagne punch and no cover charge. New Year's Eve will consist of a full hot buffet, champagne, party favors, and an open bar from 10 pm 'til 2 am. Doors open at 8, and tickets are advance sale only at \$25 per person.

Stonewall, 28-30 North 10th Street, Allentown, will again be hosting a night of new music for the new age. Wednesday, December 10th at 11 pm

marks New Music II with your D. J. Larry Klepinger spinning the sounds of a new era in music. The Wall's Christmas Party will be held Christmas Eve with no cover charge and lots of fun. Ring in the New Year at the New Year's Eve Blowout with champagne and buffet for a \$10 cover charge.

The Bar, 307 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary the week of December 15th. Congratulations to owner Michael Dennis! Friday, December 19th marks the grand opening of the Bar's new disco, bringing the number of bars in the building to three. There will also be special drink prices throughout the anniversary week. The bar's New Year's Eve Party will include a buffet, cash bar, and champagne with a door charge. More information is available by calling the Bar at (717) 829-4444. Ongoing weekly specials are: daily cocktail hour 5-7 pm, and Dynasty Night on Wednesdays 9-11 pm with special draft beer prices.

In closing, check with the area bars for opening and closing times due to the holiday season. Most are open throughout the holidays at regular times, but check to make sure. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and happy New Year!

See you in 1987!!!

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## Lunch, Brunch, & Dinner too...

by DANE MORGAN EDWARDS

A friend asked us to lunch one Saturday recently and was genuinely surprised that S. M. Brown at 17th and Tilghman Streets, Allentown, was unknown to us. We discovered a precious jewel of an eatery, small enough to be considered cozy, yet light and cheery with actual autumnal brilliance pouring in through windows and skylight.

The culinary gems available include *Turkey-Ham Melt en Gongere*, *Baked Ham with Jarlsburg* and *Mediterranean Chicken Salad*. The sides include not only staples such as cole slaw and potato salad, but slightly more exotic Tabouleh and Fatoosh.

A glance at the dessert case shows meringues, chocolate mousse, carrot cake and cheese cakes.

It is always pleasant to lunch with a friend, and we suggest that the next time you do, do so at S. M. Brown. We think you'll find it as much a pleasure as we did.

We'll see you there. ☒

## Poetry

# Handle Me With Care

by GREG NEW HOLLAND

Like the fair skin of her face,  
if neglected vanishes the stare;  
Like an innocent new born baby,  
handle me with care;  
Like a relic vase on a mantle,  
when shattered, becomes more rare;  
Like a piece of art "you" created,  
handle me with care;  
Like the love between sisters and brothers,  
when absent; so hard to bare;  
Like the power which makes two; one,  
handle me with care!

## Dear Briana...

by BRIANA

Welcome! I am Briana and this is my first article for the *Lambda Valley Monthly*. In my monthly columns I hope to address problems and questions from you out there, concerning our ever growing community, from looking for a roommate to looking for a lover and all the goodies in between.

Shall we start?

A letter, sent to me from "Lonely in Stroudsburg":

This person is in need of housing in that area and is looking for someone to help in sharing apartment expenses. His ad in the *Philadelphia Gay News* met with few responses.

His problem is shared by many gays and lesbians in the valley. How to find a compatible and responsible roommate. Many of the larger gay

newspapers list "Roommate Wanted" and have real estate firms list available housing. Let's get our act together here in the Lehigh Valley! There must be gay homeowners looking for responsible tenants. Let's make ourselves known to each other. These ads should be placed in our local gay newspaper, *Lambda Valley Monthly*. We have a strong and growing community and need to reach out and help each other. One way to start is with our housing problem.

**REMEMBER WE ARE EVERYWHERE!**

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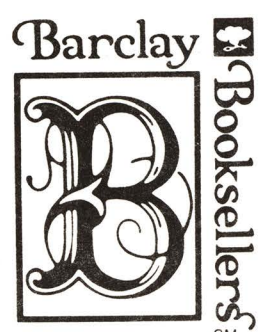
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